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To establish an Under Secretary for Policy in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To establish an Under Secretary for Policy in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLICY.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Homeland Security Policy Act of 2005”.

6 (b) IN GENERAL.—The Homeland Security Act of
7 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating title VI and section 601 as
9 title XVIII and section 1801, respectively, and

1 transferring that title to the end of the Homeland
 2 Security Act of 2002; and

3 (2) by inserting after title V, the following:

4 **“TITLE VI—UNDER SECRETARY**
 5 **FOR POLICY**

6 **“SEC. 601. UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLICY.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be in the Depart-
 8 ment an Under Secretary for Policy, who shall be ap-
 9 pointed by the President, by and with the advice and con-
 10 sent of the Senate.

11 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Subject to the direction,
 12 authority, and control of the Secretary, the responsibilities
 13 of the Under Secretary for Policy shall be as follows:

14 “(1) POLICY.—

15 “(A) To serve as the principal policy advi-
 16 sor to the Secretary.

17 “(B) To provide overall direction and su-
 18 pervision for policy development to programs,
 19 offices, and activities of the Department.

20 “(C) To establish and direct a formal pol-
 21 icymaking process for the Department.

22 “(D) To analyze, evaluate, and review
 23 completed, ongoing, and proposed programs, to
 24 ensure they are compatible with the Secretary’s
 25 priorities, strategic plans, and policies.

1 “(2) STRATEGIC PLANNING.—

2 “(A) To conduct long-range, strategic
3 planning for the Department.

4 “(B) To prepare national and Department
5 strategies, as appropriate.

6 “(C) To conduct net assessments of issues
7 facing the Department.

8 “(D) To conduct reviews of the Depart-
9 ment to ensure the implementation of this para-
10 graph.

11 “(3) INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—

12 “(A) To promote informational and edu-
13 cational exchange with nations friendly to the
14 United States in order to promote sharing of
15 best practices and technologies relating to
16 homeland security, including—

17 “(i) the exchange of information on
18 research and development on homeland se-
19 curity technologies;

20 “(ii) joint training exercises of first
21 responders; and

22 “(iii) exchanging expertise and infor-
23 mation on terrorism prevention, response,
24 and crisis management.

1 “(B) To identify areas for homeland secu-
2 rity informational and training exchange where
3 the United States has a demonstrated weakness
4 and another friendly nation or nations have a
5 demonstrated expertise.

6 “(C) To plan and undertake international
7 conferences, exchange programs (including the
8 exchange of scientists, engineers, and other ex-
9 perts), and other training activities.

10 “(D) To manage international activities
11 within the Department in coordination with
12 other Federal officials with responsibility for
13 counterterrorism matters.

14 “(4) PRIVATE SECTOR.—

15 “(A) To create and foster strategic com-
16 munications with the private sector to enhance
17 the primary mission of the Department to pro-
18 tect the American homeland.

19 “(B) To advise the Secretary on the im-
20 pact of the policies, regulations, processes, and
21 actions of the Department on the private sector.

22 “(C) To interface with other relevant Fed-
23 eral agencies with homeland security missions
24 to assess the impact of the actions of such
25 agencies on the private sector.

1 “(D) To create and manage private sector
2 advisory councils composed of representatives of
3 industries and associations designated by the
4 Secretary—

5 “(i) to advise the Secretary on private
6 sector products, applications, and solutions
7 as they relate to homeland security chal-
8 lenges; and

9 “(ii) to advise the Secretary on home-
10 land security policies, regulations, proc-
11 esses, and actions that affect the partici-
12 pating industries and associations.

13 “(E) To work with Federal laboratories,
14 federally funded research and development cen-
15 ters, other federally funded organizations, aca-
16 demia, and the private sector to develop innova-
17 tive approaches to address homeland security
18 challenges to produce and deploy the best avail-
19 able technologies for homeland security mis-
20 sions.

21 “(F) To promote existing public-private
22 partnerships and develop new public-private
23 partnerships to provide for collaboration and
24 mutual support to address homeland security
25 challenges.

1 “(G) To assist in the development and pro-
 2 motion of private sector best practices to secure
 3 critical infrastructure.

4 “(H) To coordinate industry efforts, with
 5 respect to functions of the Department, to iden-
 6 tify private sector resources and capabilities
 7 that could be effective in supplementing Fed-
 8 eral, State, and local government agency efforts
 9 to prevent or respond to a terrorist attack.

10 “(I) To coordinate among Department op-
 11 erating entities and with the Assistant Sec-
 12 retary for Trade Development of the Depart-
 13 ment of Commerce on issues related to the trav-
 14 el and tourism industries.”.

15 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
 16 The Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et
 17 seq.) is amended—

18 (1) in section 103—

19 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (6)
 20 through (10) as paragraphs (7) through (11),
 21 respectively; and

22 (B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the
 23 following:

24 “(6) An Under Secretary for Policy.”;

25 (2) by striking section 879;

1 (3) by redesignating sections 880 through 890
2 as sections 879 through 889, respectively; and

3 (4) in the table of contents—

4 (A) by redesignating the items relating to
5 title VI and section 601 as relating to title
6 XVIII and section 1801, respectively, and
7 transferring the items relating to that title and
8 section to the end of the table of contents;

9 (B) by inserting before the item relating to
10 title VII the following:

“TITLE VI—UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLICY

“Sec. 601. Under Secretary for Policy.”;

11 (C) by striking the item relating to section
12 879; and

13 (D) by redesignating the items relating to
14 sections 880 through 890 as relating to sections
15 879 through 889, respectively.

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